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FROM AMBASSADOR FOR ASST SECY ROGERS

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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S VISIT: PROPOSED TOAST

REF: STATE 127306

PROPOSE FOLLOWING TOAST BY SECRETARY AT LUNCHEON TENDERED BY
PRESIDENT BALAGUER:

BEGIN TEXT

I HAVE OFTEN HEARD OF THE CHARM OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC BUT
IT IS ONLY TODAY THAT I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO APPRECIATE AT FIRST
HAND THE ATTRACTIONS OF THE COUNTRY AND THE FRIENDLINESS
OF ITS PEOPLE. DESPITE ITS BREVITY, THIS VISIT HAS BEEN BOTH
AGREEABLE AND PRODUCTIVE. I VALUE HIGHLY THE OPPORTUNITY IT HAS
GIVEN ME TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH HIS EXCELLENCY, PRESIDENT BALA-
GUER, WITH THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, COMODORE JIMENEZ, AND WITH
YOU, HIS OTHER KEY ADVISORS.

IT IS FITTING TO BEGIN THIS LATIN AMERICAN TRIP WITH A VISIT
TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC EN ROUTE TO THE SIXTH GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES, WHERE IMPROVE-
MENT OF THE AMERICAN SYSTEM WILL BE AN IMPORTANT SUBJECT OF
DISCUSSION. FOR HERE IT WAS THAT IT ALL BEGAN.

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WHEN COLUMBUS ESTABLISHED SETTLEMENTS ON THIS ISLAND, HE

OPENED THE NEW WORLD TO THE OLD; AND THROUGH THIS GATE THERE FLOWED TO THE AMERICAS, PEOPLE, IDEAS AND IDEALS WHICH WOULD COMBINE WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND CULTURES TO TRANSFORM THE HEMISPHERE. IT WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE AMERICAN SYTEM...

(SECRETARY MAY WISH TO ADD HERE SOME REMARKS ABOUT ANTICIPATED DISCUSSIONS AT THE OASGA MEETING IN SANTIAGO.)

I ASK YOU NOW TO JOIN ME IN A TOAST TO HIS EXCELLENCY, DR JOAQUIN BALAGUER, PRESIDENT OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, TO THE ENDURING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, AND TO THE PROSPERITY AND WELL-BEING OF THE DOMINICAN PEOPLE, END TEXT.
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